

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

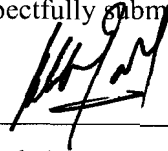
Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 3-4, 8, 10-11, 15, 17-18, and 22 were amended; claims 2, 9, and 16 were canceled.

The amendments are based on the objected-to claims 2, 9, and 16, which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable in independent form. The amendments further address and overcome the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101. It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over *Loren* and *Bernstein*, and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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